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NARR/ REF A IS AN ASD-HA MEMORANDUM DIRECTING SERVICES TO INCORPORATE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE GUIDANCE INTO SERVICE LEVEL PANDEMIC INFLUENZA
RESPONSE PLANS. REF B IS AVAILABLE AT
WWW-NEHC.MED.NAVY.MIL/PREVMED/EPI/FLUPAGE.HTM. REF B IS CDC WEBSITE
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RMKS/ 1. THIS MSG HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE COMMANDANT OF THE
MARINE CORPS. THE COMMANDANT HAS AUTHORIZED TRANSMISSION TO MARINE
CORPS ACTIVITIES.
2. BACKGROUND. A NOVEL STRAIN OF INFLUENZA, AVIAN OR BIRD FLU,
H5N1, HAS EMERGED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. CURRENT VACCINES PROVIDE NO
PROTECTION AGAINST AVIAN FLU. SUSTAINED HUMAN TO HUMAN TRANSMISSION
OF THIS OR OTHER NOVEL INFLUENZA VIRUSES COULD LEAD TO PANDEMIC

SPREAD AND SIGNIFICANTLY IMPAIR OUR ABILITY TO MAINTAIN OPERATIONS AND READINESS, GREATLY TAX OUR MEDICAL RESOURCES AND CAUSE SIGNIFICANT SUFFERING AND DEATH. PLANNING, SURVEILLANCE AND EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO A PANDEMIC INFLUENZA OUTBREAK WILL BE NECESSARY TO PRESERVE COMBAT READINESS, SAVE LIVES AND PREVENT HUMAN SUFFERING.

3. VACCINE. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT AN EFFECTIVE VACCINE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS FOLLOWING THE CONFIRMATION OF A PANDEMIC OUTBREAK OF A NOVEL FLU VIRUS, SUCH AS AVIAN FLU. THEREFORE, IT IS LIKELY THAT VACCINATION WILL NOT BE AN OPTION IN THE INITIAL RESPONSE TO A CONFIRMED OUTBREAK.

4. MEDICATION. IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO INITIATE WIDESPREAD

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PRETREATMENT WITH ANTIVIRAL MEDICATION TO PREVENT INFLUENZA FROM AVIAN OR OTHER NOVEL FLU VIRUSES UNTIL AN EFFECTIVE VACCINE IS DEVELOPED AND DISTRIBUTED. IF SUPPLIES OF ANTIVIRAL MEDICATION ARE LIMITED, UNITS MAY CHOOSE TO USE ANTIVIRAL MEDICATION SUPPLIES FOR TREATMENT OF THOSE STRICKEN WITH INFLUENZA RATHER THAN USE THE MEDICATION FOR WIDESPREAD PREVENTION. WHEN TREATMENT CAN BE INITIATED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF SYMPTOM ONSET, PREFERABLY WITHIN 6 HOURS OF SYMPTOM ONSET, THE DURATION OF SYMPTOMS CAN BE REDUCED BY HOURS TO DAYS.

OSELTAMIVIR (TAMIFLU) IS THE ONLY ANTIVIRAL AGENT TO SHOW EFFECTIVENESS IN THE TREATMENT OF A BROAD RANGE OF INFLUENZA VIRUSES.

CURRENTLY, SUPPLIES OF OSELTAMIVIR ARE LIMITED. IN THE EVENT OF AN OUTBREAK OF PANDEMIC INFLUENZA, THE DOD WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON PRIORITIZATION FOR DISTRIBUTION AND USE.

5. ACTION. A. COMMANDS ARE DIRECTED TO DEVELOP PLANS TO RESPOND TO THE POSSIBLE PANDEMIC OF INFLUENZA PER REF A. REF B PROVIDES ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE. A DRAFT PLAN IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.NEHC.MED.NAVY.MIL/PREVMED/EPI/FLUPAGE.HTM , THOUGH INDIVIDUAL MTF VARIATION WOULD BE EXPECTED. ALL PLANS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED IN COORDINATION WITH LOCAL CIVILIAN PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES. PLANS

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SHOULD ALSO INCORPORATE LOCAL INFECTION CONTROL MANUAL GUIDANCE, EDUCATION AND TRAINING, RISK COMMUNICATIONS AND SUPPORT AS APPROPRIATE.

B. WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RELEASE OF THIS MESSAGE, MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITY COMMANDERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO RESPOND BY NAVY MESSAGE TO NAVY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CENTER AFFIRMING THAT THEY HAVE PROVIDED GUIDANCE IN CONCORDANCE WITH REF A. THIS INCLUDES HAVING PROVIDED GUIDANCE FOR BRANCH MEDICAL CLINICS UNDER THEIR COGNIZANCE.

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